

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

(Washington, D. C., May 17th, 1890)

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

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There are certain recommendations in this letter in the nature of increases of pay which do not meet with my approval. I have said a number of times that it is not my intention to enter into a general increase of pay in your mint. I have approved a number of cases already on the recommendations of yourself, the Melter and Refiner, the Assayer and the Coiner, but, as I have said before to you and said to the operative officers personally, it has simply led to a demand for further increases, which, if yielded to, I am sure will increase.

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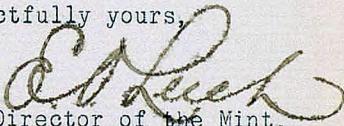
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Referring to the increase in the force of the Melter and Refiner's department, I would say that with the present allotment of coinage it seems to me that the force of this department is already excessive. I think that when the Melter and Refiner told you that he required an increase it must have been at a time when his allotment of ingots was considerably in excess of his present quota.

The increases which I mainly object to in this communication are those of Frank Smith, George W. Watt, John C. Bowen and Henry Isaacs.

Respectfully yours,


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